(a) the number of districts in the country considered as minority dominated;

(b) the number of districts considered sensitive out of these;

(c) whether discussion has taken place with the Ministry of Home Affairs on this matter;

(d) the reasons for considering them as sensitive; and

(e) whether there are sufficient security arrangement in these districts and if so, for whom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) 90 districts in the country have been identified as minority concentration districts.

(b) to (d) As per available information, 57 districts are considered communally sensitive/hyper sensitive by the Ministry of Home Affairs on the basis of their communal history and population profile. No discussion has taken place on this issue with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(e) 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects under the Constitution of India, the primary responsibility of maintaining law and order rests with the State Governments. To maintain communal harmony in the country, the Central Government assists the State Government/Union Territory Administration in a variety of ways like sharing of intelligence, sending alert massages, sending Central para-military Forces on specific request including RAF to deal with communal situations. In addition, the Union Government sends advisories to maintain communal harmony time to time. The Central Government has also circulated revised Guidelines to promote communal harmony, to the States and Union Territories in the month of June, 2008.

Atrocities on minorities in Mizoram

†3487. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 12 villages of minority 'Bru' community of Mizoram were set on fire on 14 November, 2009;

(b) whether thousands of displaced members of this community are living in relief camps of other States; and

(c) the efforts being made to provide them relief in collaboration with other Ministries and bring them back to their native places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Committee for welfare of Muslim

3488. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Prime Minister has constituted any committee for the Welfare of Muslim minorities after the Sachar Committee submitted its recommendations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when such committee would be formed to benefit Muslims in the country especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir. However, the Government has taken various decisions on the recommendations of Sachar Committee and follow up action on these decisions are monitored periodically. Besides, the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was announced in June, 2006. An important aim of the new programme is to ensure that the benefits of various government schemes for the underprivileged reach the disadvantaged sections of the minority communities, and it includes the Muslims. In order to ensure that the benefits of these schemes flow equitably to the minorities, the new programme envisages location of a certain proportion of development projects in minority concentration areas. It also provides that, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes should be earmarked for minorities.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Accessibility to Report of NCRLM

3489. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that report of the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) was made accessible to media persons even though this report is yet to be made public; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Grant under Maulana Azad Foundation

3490. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant given to the Minority Educational Institutions in Bihar under the Maulana Azad Foundation during the last three years; and

(b) the number of educational institutions benefited under the scheme all over the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Maulana Azad Education Foundation sanctions grants-in-aid to Non Government Organizations (NGOs) for infrastructural development of educational institutions recognized by the State/Central Board, where the number of beneficiaries from educationally backward minority communities is more than 50% subject to other eligibility criteria.